

Agenda Hartshorn-dale Business Meeting 07DEC2023

Attendance-Officers:

- Seneschal - James O'Galleghure
- Webminister - Sarah le Payller
- Herald - Lillia de Vaux
- Secretarie - Kathryn Perry
- Chatelaine - Jakob Agnarsson
- Exchequer - Elysabeth Underhill
- Fencing - Jacqueline Cross
- MoAS - Aislinn Ysobel d'Argentan
- MOL - Ivette
- Social Media - not present
- Knight Marshal - not present

Attendance-Bertana, Diana, Eleanor De'Astlye, Adelina, Blue, Elizabet Marshal , Brandr, David

1. Regular activities

- Dance:** Friday evenings 7:30-9:00, indoor location in Norristown. Announcements by email and Facebook.
- Dining with Lorenzo** is usually monthly, but is on pause until January
- Brunch with Hartshorn-dale:** Sundays usually at 11am on Google Meet Link is always available on the calendar on the website.
- A&S Night:** 2nd & 4th Wednesday via Google Meet 7:30PM
- Book club:**
- Fencing** will be happening most Mondays in Spring City. Announcements are via email and Facebook.
- Rattan** On hiatus.
- Newcomer Socials:** on hiatus until January
- Youth Combat** Fridays in Pottstown

2. Old Business

- New Officers are set to take over in February (allows exiting officers to submit last reports in January)
- Sarah is taking over Chatelaine and Ivette is taking over Exchequer in January.

3. New Business

- Harts & Horns post-mortem
 - Nothing bad happened (on our end)
 - Event went smoothly
 - Mixing Rapier Champs with other activities worked well
 - John Marshall Food challenge went very well, with very good entries.
- Fifth Friday Ball HHD party? Dec 29th
 - Group seems in favor; send emails
- Largesse collection for Buckland Cross - assuming their polling is successful, they are hoping to hold their investiture at EK 12th Night (January 13th). Sarah proposed collecting largesse to present to the coronets, but they're also hoping to hold a largesse challenge
 - Do folks want to go ahead and present largesse on behalf of HHD, or just let folks contribute to the challenge?

- ii. Challenge details per a Facebook comment: “Odd Number” largesse challenge. 3-13 items-Half to the crown, half to the coronet, one for a silent auction fundraiser for the Barony. (Single items for the auction are welcomed as well).
- iii. General agreement to offer largesse to Buckland Cross on behalf of HHD
 - 1. Giving to the barony that is being celebrated
 - 2. Acting like a barony ourselves
- iv. Individuals still welcome to contribute to the Odd Number challenge
- v. Sarah will organize/collect/get a basket
- vi. So make things! Even just one thing!
- vii. Here is a resource on largesse:
<https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/largesse/>
- d. Charter Review: Add language to Event Bid process requiring Stewards to email to southern.seneschals@seneschal.eastkingdom.org to check date conflicts before bids are submitted?
 - i. Word carefully so people know when in process to take this step and don't “usurp” their own seneschal.
 - ii. Don't add to charter, add to suggestions/best practices document
 - 1. maybe worth adding to the charter something like “event steward will check for conflicts”?
 - iii. Is the charter due for overall review this year?

4. Events and Demos

- a. Nova Schola 2024 - check date for 16MAR2024
 - i. Positions filled, except deputy event steward
 - ii. Pre-packaged snacks will be provided but not lunch
 - iii. Artisan's Village - still under discussion
 - iv. Possible A&S display? Maybe a first project & a more recent project
 - v. Voted yes on holding event
 - vi. Wiki class and consult table?
 - vii. Class/Workshop on A&S competitions. How to get in them, how to present things, how to WIN THEM.
 - viii. Perhaps a “What do people want to learn” along side of a generic calling for teachers
 - ix. Looking at March 16th as the new date that will not conflict with EK A&S Champions

5. Officer reports (please submit written report, which will be included in the minutes)

- a. **Seneschal:**
 - i. Seeking Deputy or deputies to learn more about being Seneschal to potentially take over when my term ends in 2026
 - ii. Social Media Deputy: Facebook, Discord and Instagram proceed. New users are being added as long as they answer the questions in FB. If anything needs an event to be created for it, please let me know. If anyone invites people to the Facebook group, please remind them to answer the questions.
- b. **Chatelaine**
 Greetings everyone!

Things have been business as usual with one exception. This is my last month as your Chatelaine because I have a successor!

Once January 1st hits, Sarah le Payller will be your new Chatelaine. I have the utmost confidence in her that she will be a fantastic successor as she's already proven herself by running the Virtual Newcomer Socials a few times and has been extremely eager to learn about the post. Please give her all the love and support that you've shown me over the last two years.

Please also do not forget that we are still hosting the Virtual Newcomer Socials every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, attendance at those socials has been a touch on the low side for the last couple of meetings, though I'm blaming the holidays for that. (The next social is scheduled for December 12th.)

As always, if you need anything from me or my deputy please email us!

Thank you for the honor of serving as Chatelaine for this wonderful Shire.

c. **Chronicler**

- i. Fall Issue is past due (August, September, October) so I'll be working on that once mundane life settles down a bit.
- ii. I am still planning to step down soon, I think Alison is willing to run for Chronicler with Diana continuing as her deputy (as the Historian is under the Chroniclers office), just need to finalize that. I'm hoping to have that finalized before I pick up Chatelaine duties in January.

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Sarah le Payller

- iii. **Historian:** Have located a number of early newsletters from our group and begun a project to document all the events we have held since our creation in 1988-1989. Hope to start a project with everyone contributing their stories and photos in the next year.
Diana

d. **Webminister**

- i. Added a page for Youth Combat:
<https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/youth-combat/>
Still need to get a listing on the main Activities page
(<https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/activities/>)
- ii. I have a deputy! Bertana is interested/willing to be my deputy. I am working on getting her access to the website.

YIS

Sarah le Payller

e. **Secretarie**

f. **Exchequer**

- i. Balance at end of Nov - \$9268,79
- ii. This does not include the PayPal Income from H&H, which was deposited in December (\$2659.06)
- iii. For the H&H event we made \$1170.00 after profit sharing with the Kingdom.

- iv. Deposits for this month include fencing gifts, and H&H gate and rummage sale income.
- v. Checks cashed include everything for the H&H event, such as profit sharing, NMS, Gas for Ivette, and several food purchases for the event.
- vi. Only one outstanding check = check for H&H Tokens/Cooking Box Items.
- vii. Ivette and I plan to work on the 4th quarter report once that final check is cashed. She will be taking over as Exchequer come January. I'll be her deputy for a time.
- viii. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Exchequers office, next year would be a great time! Let one of us know.

g. **Chamberlain**

- i. Quick report - our fearless Seneschal has reported that he is now the caretaker of our SCA signs.

If anyone else has recently become the caretaker for Shire items, please send me an email and let me know.

Thank you. Happy Holidays 🌲 🌲

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h. **Knight Marshal**

i. **Fencing**

- i. Funds: \$209 Donations
- ii. 4 practices (11/6, 11/13 11/20 11/27)
- iii. average attendance: 14
- iv. Marshalls: the usual suspects
- v. A&S invasion happened.
- vi. We also had a major EK fencing tournament at Harts & Horns

j. **Herald**

- i. I am following up on consults from Harts & Horns now that a work deadline and Thanksgiving are over. We're at the art stage - if you stopped to see us, I'll be in touch soon!
- ii. Virtual Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium will take place Jan. 26-28. See <https://sites.google.com/view/vkwhss2024/> for more details.
- iii. In-person Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium will take place in Iveyinrust (Philadelphia) 29-30 Jun 2024. We'll have the website up after vKWHSS is over to avoid confusion.

k. **MoAS**

- i. The December report was submitted to the Kingdom A&S office. Games and an A&S Corner were available at Harts and Horns. I'm hoping to have another A&S day at my house in January or February. The focus will probably be weaving, but all A&S activities that can be safely done inside are welcome. I'm also open to suggestions regarding other locations.

Yours in service,

Aislinn Ysobel d'Argentan

- ii. Virtual A&S: Virtual A&S met on 11/8. I decided not to hold it on 11/22 since it was the day before Thanksgiving. A&S Invasion of Fencing

Practice happened on 11/13. The December dates are 12/13 and 12/27 for the virtual gathering, and 12/18 for invasion of fencing practice.

iii. **Dance**

1. Met twice in November.
2. Meeting in December on 1st, 8th, and 29th (a 5th Friday Holiday Ball and Party. Everyone is welcome to dress up and bring snacks).
3. Expecting to meet throughout January (weather permitting). Will be running dance at Kingdom 12th Night and Owlsherst English Country 12th Night, so come join us at those events.
- 4.

iv. **Dining with Lorenzo Guild**

1. Had a very successful dayboard for EK Fencing Championship led by Anna and her team. She will also be running the dayboard for Nova Schola along with Alana.
2. We will be starting back on working on the Hungarian Cookbook translated by Julia and Marte starting Sunday, January 7th from 2 pm onward. (*Is this on the Shire Calendar? - James*)
3. If you are not on our mailing list and are interested in attending please email Diana.

I. **MoL:**

- i. Well, we finally had a Marshall Event, but it was run by the Kingdom MOL and her staff. So, in essence I still having nothing to report. Hopefully 2024 will be better for the Marshall Events.
Have a great Holiday Season!
See you all in the New Year!

YiS,
Ivette of Worcester